

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE [IPEA/US]

IN RE APPLICATION OF: METGEN, INC.

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55142.010101FOR: MEDICAL DEVICE FOR MONITORING BLOOD PHENYLALANINE
LEVELS**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**Mail Stop PCT
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Sir:

In response to the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority mailed April 7, 2005, Applicant submits the enclosed Amendment and Remarks to be entered into the file of the Application.

IN THE CLAIMS

A replacement sheet containing the amended claims is attached. The claims were amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A test element for determining the level of phenylalanine in a ~~biological fluid~~ blood sample said test element comprising a layer onto which a the sample of the~~biological fluid~~ blood is applied and a reagent layer containing a material that is interactive with phenylalanine or a precursor of a reaction product of phenylalanine, wherein the reagent layer comprises a) an enzyme which converts phenylalanine to phenylpyruvate; b) buffered enzymatic color-imetric reagents wherein a reaction signals the presence/absence of phenylalanine; and c) a hydrophilic polymer.
2. (Canceled)